

CE - 840

Lee Property

c. 1870

The third quarter of the 19th century saw a proliferation of
2¹/₂ story three bay ^{x 1 Room} ~~house~~ structures and this is another of the
hundreds found throughout the County. It is located along the Bald-
Friar - Pa. Road.

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CE-840

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

File #822

1 NAME

HISTORIC

Lee Property

AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

Box 192

CITY, TOWN

Pilettown* Conowingo

VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Cecil

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY

OWNERSHIP

STATUS

PRESENT USE

—DISTRICT

—PUBLIC

☒ OCCUPIED

—AGRICULTURE

—MUSEUM

☒ BUILDING(S)

☒ PRIVATE

—UNOCCUPIED

—COMMERCIAL

—PARK

—STRUCTURE

—BOTH

—WORK IN PROGRESS

—EDUCATIONAL

☒ PRIVATE RESIDENCE

—SITE

PUBLIC ACQUISITION

ACCESSIBLE

—ENTERTAINMENT

—RELIGIOUS

—OBJECT

—IN PROCESS

☒ YES: RESTRICTED

—GOVERNMENT

—SCIENTIFIC

—BEING CONSIDERED

—YES: UNRESTRICTED

—INDUSTRIAL

—TRANSPORTATION

—NO

—MILITARY

—OTHER

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

Bernice Lee

c/o Howard Danser

Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER

Box 192

126 N. Spring Garden St.

CITY, TOWN

Conowingo

Amber, Pennsylvania 19002

STATE, zip code

☒ VICINITY OF

Maryland 21918

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,

REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Clerk of the Circuit Court

Liber #:

Folio #:

STREET & NUMBER

Cecil County Courthouse

CITY, TOWN

Elkton

STATE

Maryland

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

DATE

—FEDERAL —STATE —COUNTY —LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

7 DESCRIPTION**CONDITION**

___ EXCELLENT
 X ___ GOOD
 ___ FAIR

___ DETERIORATED
 ___ RUINS
 ___ UNEXPOSED

CHECK ONE

___ UNALTERED
 X ___ ALTERED

CHECK ONE

X ___ ORIGINAL SITE
 ___ MOVED DATE _____

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

house The Lee House c. 1860-1870 is a typical 2¹/₂ story ^{3 BAY x 1 ROOM} ~~house~~ with a 2 story T addition off the east side. The house is located on the road leading from Bald Friar to Pennsylvania and just northwest of the Pilot Town crossroads. The structure faces west with the main gable running north/south.

The main block is 3 bays across by one room deep. The T_A addition is 2 bays across by 1 room deep. The entire structure rests on an uncoursed fieldstone foundation and is sheathed with novelty siding and imitation brick tile. The medium pitched roof is covered with composition tile. The eaves are extended and left open. Stuccoed brick stove stacks appear in each gable end. A single story shed roof porch is attached to the west facade.

The west facade fenestration is symmetrical with a front entrance located in the central bay. A three light transom is located over the late 19th Century glazed door. The 2/2 sash windows have plain surrounds. There are no shutters on the structure. The shed porch has square piers with late 19th Century ~~cut out~~ corner brackets. The ends of the roof have a vertical board saw-tooth decoration.

The north and south gable ends are similar in detail. There are two 2/2 sash on each floor and two four pane attic lights that flank the stove stack.

The east side of the main block is substantially covered with the 2 story addition. It is undoubtedly contemporary to the main block due to identical detailing.

Although entrance was not granted, the interior is most likely late 19th Century and probably intact due to the relatively untouched appearance of the exterior.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

PERIOD		AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN	
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<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)	
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION			

SPECIFIC DATES

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Lee House is generally significant as are all the other houses of similar vintage. The house retains much of its 19th Century character and exists as another example of the development of Pilot Town.

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9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY _____

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

The property is located in the _____ section of the _____ Township, _____ County, Maryland. It is bounded on the north by _____, on the south by _____, on the east by _____, and on the west by _____.

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE _____

COUNTY _____

STATE _____

COUNTY _____

11 FORM PREPARED BY

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CITY OR TOWN

Elkton

DATE

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STATE

Maryland

The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature, to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 Supplement.

The Survey and Inventory are being prepared for information and record purposes only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

RETURN TO: Maryland Historical Trust
The Shaw House, 21 State Circle
Annapolis, Maryland 21401
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Pilot Town

CE-840, 842, 843, 844, 845 (log house), 846, 847 (school no. 3), 848, 849 (store), 850, 851, 852, 853 (Johnson Victorian), 854, 855, 856, 857, 858, 859, 860, 861, 862, 863.

Pilot Town owes its existence to two primary reasons. The first is the 19th Century mining activity in the area and the second is the shift of the Susquehanna crossing from the Bald Friar ferry to the town of Conowingo. The road from Pennsylvania to the Bald Friar ferry passed west of the present Pilot Town crossroads. It is obvious that this route predated any other southerly route in the vicinity especially since the earlier farms and houses are oriented to it. St. Patrick's Church (CE-834), Pembroke Farm (CE-836), Moore-Love log house (CE-845), and the Fulton-Alexander House (CE-841) all date from before the mid 19th Century and stand near or next to the earlier route. Due to the treacherous descent to the ferry and easier access at Conowingo a covered bridge was built across the Susquehanna at Conowingo, which eclipsed activity at Bald Friar. With the construction of a bridge at Conowingo a more direct southerly route from Pennsylvania was needed, which necessitated an easterly shift in travel. It amounted to a difference of a few hundred yards but was enough to form an intersection with the east/west Mount Pleasant road. Continued interest in the mining of feldspar, soapstone, and gravel in the mid 19th Century brought more development and change. Pilot Town was a definite result of these two factors and the mid to late 19th Century housing that exists today is ample evidence for this occurrence. Pilot Town supported a local market till the early 20th Century (CE-849) and its own school (CE-847) till about the same time.

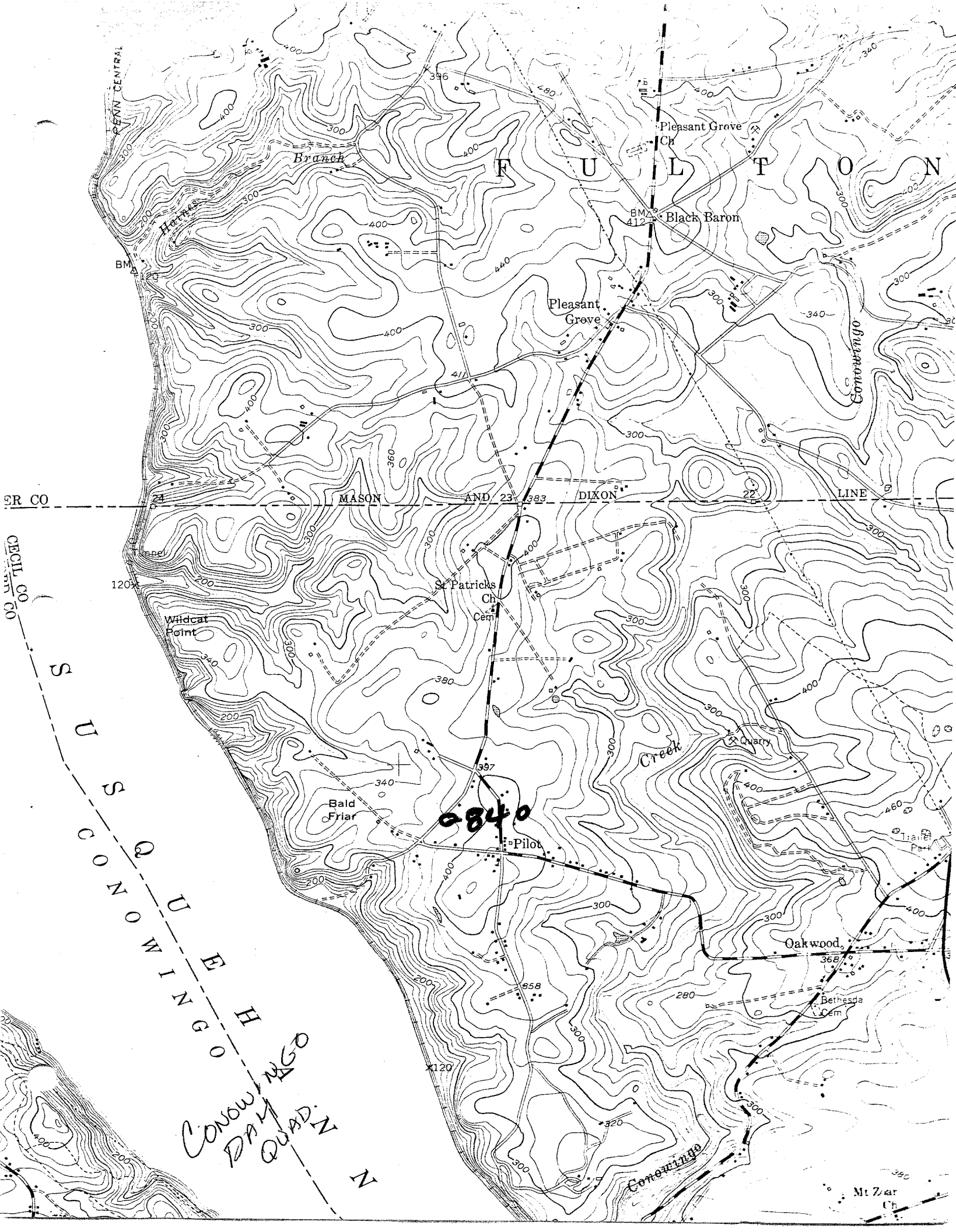
The houses that make up Pilot Town are traditional two^{story} frame structures that one sees throughout Cecil County. (see CE-840, CE-842, CE-844, CE-846,

Pilot Town

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CE-848, CE-851, CE-852, CE-853, CE-854, CE-855, CE-856, CE-857, CE-858, CE-859, CE-860, CE-861, CE-862, CE-863) The structures are basically

plain straightforward buildings that are typical houses for workers in a mining area. This is not to say that the previous agricultural life of area was replaced by the mines. The farming community continued as it had since the late 18th Century but now alongside mining operations that brought Irish immigrants in the early 19th Century.





CE-840

LEE HOUSE
NORTH ELEVATION
PILOT TOWN, MD.

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CE-840

LEE HOUSE
WEST ELEVATION
PILOT TOWN, MD.

3/80 PIST

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